

Mrs. Seehorn Left Tennessee For Lenoir In Fall Of 1896

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She was a happy young bride when she came to Lenoir 67 years ago—as gay, as sprightly as the red and gold autumn leaves whirling over the turnpike.

It was in September of 1896 that Mammy Seehorn, now 91, traveled down the rugged mountain pike from Tennessee. Her handsome dark husband expertly guided the horse and buggy along the narrow, winding trail.

Soon afterward, her beloved horse Jack, was brought to Lenoir; and with him came a cow her father gave her as a wedding present.

Since childhood she's had a great love of horses. When she found a man who loved them as much or more than she did, she married him.

Today, she still has "a horse, Jack." She chuckles, "He's my walker, that I push in front of me."

As a girl Mammy rode through the green valleys of the Roan at Shoums Crossroads in Tennessee. In those days she was Virginia Carolina Wills. It wasn't until many years later, after her children were born, that family and friends dubbed her with the affectionate title of Mammy.

She was one of a large family of four boys and six girls, four of whom are still living. She's the oldest of those; her brother, who lives at the old homeplace, is the youngest. Her parents were Macon and Jeanette Grant Wills. One of her sisters, Mrs. Ralph Spainhour, now deceased, also lived in later years in Lenoir.

Mammy was 24 when she and Thomas Farlow Seehorn were married. Originally from Trade, Tennessee, he was employed in Lenoir at the time of their marriage by the Henkel and Craig Livery Stable. Though he was bookkeeper for the firm he occasionally accompanied his employers, L. P. and Vance Henkel, in driving herds of cattle to South Carolina for sale in the fall. The firm, in addition to dealing in livestock, wagons, and buggies, operated a hackline to Blowing Rock. Hacks met Lenoir trains and carried passengers and luggage up the mountain.

When Mammy arrived as a bride, Lenoir was a tiny village, hidden in forested foothills. Up and down the turnpike were shuttling covered wagons bringing apples, cabbages, sauerkraut and chestnuts to town for barter. The old courthouse stood where the monument is today. Village roads were unpaved. There were no streetlights. Little outside news was heard. The arrival of the train was a momentous event.

For a time she and her husband lived at several places. They built the home that is now the residence of the G. C. McGimsey's on Mulberry Street. Later they lived at "the rectory" on Rectory Hill and then on Scroggs Avenue.

About 50 years ago they purchased a large white frame home on Seehorn Place from Theodore Kincaid. The house is a nostalgic landmark to many people; for Mammy always extended gracious and generous hospitality to all. Its broad lawn was a favorite outing and picnic place for school children and other groups.

When the area was taken into the city limits a few years ago the street was named in honor of Mammy, who was the oldest resident on it.

For many years Mammy continued to ride horseback after she came to Lenoir. She used a side-saddle, riding with decorum as befitted a married lady of the time.

After the Henkels left Lenoir, Mr. Seehorn continued the livestock stable in the same location, which is now the building that houses Shaw Furniture Co.

Later he moved the firm near the corner of West Avenue and Willow Streets. He sold Nissan and Piedmont Wagons, two well-known brands, and also buggies and horses. He was known far

and wide as a shrewd but fair trader.

It was with reluctance he saw the horse give way to the automobile. Until about four years before his death in January of

1941, Mr. Seehorn was a familiar figure about town, expertly maneuvering his horse through modern-day traffic.

He and Mammy made frequent trips back to their homes in

Tennessee, traveling by buggy in the early years. They'd stop at Boone and spend the night with her sister.

The last trip Mammy made to Tennessee was two years ago

when she attended one of her sister's 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

For many years she was busy keeping house and cooking for her family, and she loved every

minute of it. In her spare time she worked among her flowers and vegetables in the summer. In winter time pieced quilts and did other sewing. Today she sees well enough to darn and read.

She also hears quite well. Mammy makes her home now with her daughter Mary, Mrs. R. T. Greer on Rectory Street.

An honorary member of First Methodist Church, she is frequently visited by her circle members, who find her a lively, keen, sweet-spiced woman, a delight to chat with.

Her children are Celeste (Mrs. Dick Greer of Linville Falls), Kathleen (Mrs. A. J. Singleton of Morganton), Grace (Mrs. Robert Dickman of Charleston, S. C.), Mrs. Virginia Cobb, Mary (Mrs. R. T. Greer), Bill, Ray, Tom and Ted of Lenoir. There are 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.



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